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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know whether the hon. Member is referring to the place mentioned in the main question or to some other places in Madurai district.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions 281 and 282 may be taken up together as they relate to the same subject.

* 281 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damage caused to crops and property in Kasaragod taluk, including Hosdrug sub-taluk in South Kanara district during the recent heavy floods; and

(b) the relief given by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) An extent of 420 acres of wet lands in Kasaragod taluk and Hosdrug sub-taluk was affected by the floods in June-July 1956. Forty-seven houses in Kasaragod taluk and 713 in Hosdrug sub-taluk were damaged in the floods. The approximate value of the loss sustained is estimated at Rs. 1,02,500 in crops and Rs. 1,07,037 in other properties.

(b) Within 48 hours of the calamity, milk centres for the free distribution of milk were started and monetary relief by way of cash grants was also distributed for the immediate needs of the poor victims of the flood. Cash grants of Rs. 960-8-0 in Kasaragod taluk and Rs. 15,000 in Hosdrug sub-taluk have so far been sanctioned. With the help of the local committees, rice for the immediate requirements of the worst affected persons was also distributed in Hosdrug sub-taluk. Vitamin tablets were distributed among the poorer victims by the Health staff who also took precautionary measures against the outbreak of epidemics. Gruel centres were run in ten centres for fifteen days. Clothes were distributed to the victims. Takkavi loans are also being granted wherever necessary.

* 282 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damages caused by the recent floods of June-July in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) the relief measures adopted by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Forty-seven houses in Kasaragod taluk were damaged and an extent of 420 acres of wet lands in Kasaragod taluk and Hosdrug sub-taluk were affected by floods. The loss in crops is estimated at Rs. 1,02,500. The value of damages to other property in the Kasaragod taluk is Rs. 4,300.

(b) Milk powder, vitamin tablets, rice, clothes and free cash grants were distributed to the victims. Health staff took precautionary measures against outbreak of epidemics. Gruel centres were started in affected areas. Takkavi loans are also being granted liberally.